

Delabole Community Primary School Newsletter

July 2019

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Dear parents and carers,

As another year draws to a close, this newsletter is really a celebration of all that we have achieved as a school. So, we hope that you find in these pages something that reflects the achievements of your child as part of our whole school family.

A Celebration of Learning Outcomes in Year 6

The SATs tests feel like very ancient history now, but we are once more delighted to share the fact that our results this year were exceptional and well above early national indicators. This level of success is only achievable when the whole team pull together – and this is part of the strength of our school. See the table below:

KS2 Results 2019	Reading	Writing	Maths	Grammar Punctuation and Spelling	RWM combined
Delabole Expected standard	81%	81%	88%	75%	75%
Delabole Greater Depth	25%	19%	6%	6%	6%
National Expected standard	73%	78%	79%	78%	65%
Average scaled scores Tintagel	105		104	102	
Average scaled scores National	104		105	106	

UNICEF Rights of The Child – Fly Up Days

We Are All Born Under The Same Sky

So why is it then, that some children have so much, and others have so little?

For our Fly Up days this year, we decided as a team to put the focus on some really important learning as preparation for next year. We shared the above question with the children alongside the UNICEF Rights of the Child – the legislation that underpins what is essentially, the basic entitlement of every child to a childhood that is not

tarnished by fear, poverty or

prejudice. We even helped them to understand that going to school is a privilege as well as an entitlement, and that all around the world, children are trapped in poverty or injustice because they cannot access even the most basic education.

And then, as the children took the Rights laid out in the UNICEF



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declaration and interpreted them through their drama, their words and their art, we witnessed these complex and important ideas come to life in such simple and vibrant ways through the eyes of a child. It was a great milestone for us to see the children really take this message of equality and entitlement to heart.

Sports Day



The sun shone, the school grounds looked fantastic and our school community came together to enjoy a celebration of leadership, sporting endeavour and all that we do to support each other to achieve our very best no matter what our starting points. Our children were a credit to themselves as they showed their participation and resilience, and some fabulous teamwork enabled our Sea Gulls to win the cup.



Beautiful Beach Days

As part of our traditional end of term experiences, our Class 3 and 4 children enjoyed some great surfing tuition and beach activities at Polzeath. The images are of children just basking in the open air and enjoying belonging to each other in this beautiful place where we live. Just as it should be...



Book Amnesty Reminder

One of the most important investments we make is in reading books, but each year we lose so many! If you have any reading books languishing at home, please send them in for a small reward.

Lost Property Amnesty

The bin is overflowing so all remaining lost property will be set out on the playground on Monday afternoon at pick up. Anything left after that point will be sorted and upcycled.

Leadership Badges

If your child has been a school council member this year or school captain, please could you return the badges to school on Monday so that we can pass them on to new pupil leaders in September.

Year 6 Performance

We are really looking forward to our Year 6 performance of a Midsummer Night's Dream next Monday. Performances start at 2.00pm and 6.00pm and will last approximately one hour. Please ensure that all children taking part arrive for the evening performance at 5.30pm.



Leavers Assembly and Guard of Honour

This is a milestone in the journey of every school child and will take place for families of our Year 6 children at 10.45 am on Wednesday 24th July in the school hall. At the end of the school day, as always, the school will form a guard of honour as the children are 'clapped out' for the last time. Please join us at the school gates to receive all the children after the year 6 children have left.

Camelford Show Competition

This Year the school has been invited to take part in the Camelford Show and contribute a sculpture of a

pig made from any medium/recycled items, the sculpture should be able to fit in the palm of your hand. All entries are to be handed in to the office by lunchtime on Wednesday 24th July.

Staffing

It is at this time of year that we find ourselves saying goodbye to some of our staff. Mrs Mead and Mrs Russell have joined our teams this year to help cover during a period of high staff absence due to maternity and ill health. We are very grateful to these ladies who have slotted into our team, and our routines so that we could achieve as much consistency as possible for the children. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the best as they move on. Also, we say goodbye and thank you to Mr. Franks who has really supported PE provision as part of the Go Active Sports Coach programme.

On return to school in September, we welcome back Mrs Uby who returns from her maternity leave, to jobshare with Mrs Campbell in Class 1. Mrs Campbell will also be sharing the role of Early Years teacher on Fridays, when Mrs Stanley has a day off. This paves the way for consistency of routines when Mrs Dickinson returns from maternity in December.

Attendance Update

Along with this newsletter, you will receive a letter about the new Aspire Attendance policy. Please do take the time to read it carefully as there are some significant changes which will affect our school. We are happy to answer any questions you may have. Please do contact the office for an appointment.

A gentle reminder about standards – and particularly, water bottles.

As often happens at this time of year, all sorts of variations on school kit are creeping into school. As we know parents will be replenishing children's uniform and basic supplies over the summer months, we wanted to share a reminder that children **must** wear school uniform – and this does not include skinny jeans and trainers – and may **only** bring a clear school water bottle to school. We are currently aware that children are bringing metal and coloured plastic bottles to school, and in some cases, these do not contain water. This is taking up a lot of staff time and causing issues in class. We ask that all parents please purchase a school water bottle which is BPU free and use only that bottle so that our standards are upheld, and each child is treated equally. Part of our success as a school is that together with our school community, we uphold the highest standards and we do need your unwavering support in order for this to continue.

Key Dates

Monday 22 nd July 2 pm & 6 pm	Class 4 performance of Midsummers Night's Dream
Tuesday 23 rd July	Y6 Picnic
Wednesday 24 th July 10.45 am	Year 6 Leavers assembly
Wednesday 4th September	INSET Day – Teacher training – closed to pupils
Thursday 5 th September	First day of Term 1
Thursday 17 th October	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 28 th October	First day of Term 2
Friday 20 th December	Last day of Term 2
Tuesday 7 th January	First day of Term 3
Thursday 13 th February	Last day of Term 3
Monday 24 th February	First day of Term 4
Friday 27 th March	Last day of Term 4
Tuesday 14 th April	First day of Term 5
Friday 8 th May	May Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday 11 th May to 15 th May	Y6 SATS
Friday 22 nd May	Last day of Term 5
Monday 1 st June	First day of Term 6
Monday 1 st to Thursday 4 th June	Y6 Bristol Residential
Friday 5 th June	RCS – Community Cohesion Day – school closed
Wednesday 22 nd July	Last day of Term 6

Best Wishes

Sue Cox and the team.